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73-year-old kills brother over land in Imo

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Tragedy struck in Umuomasi Amaraku in Isiala Mbano local government area of Imo State when a 73-year-old man, Ohalete Jogoji, allegedly butchered his immediate younger brother, Augustine Jogoji.

Our correspondent gathered that the senior brother had accused the younger one of appropriating the family land.

Consequently, while the younger one was deep asleep, the older brother allegedly went into his room and hacked him to death.

Enraged youth of the community thereafter arrested the suspect and

were about to lynch him.

They stripped the suspect naked and were about to kill him when he was rescued.

He was subsequently taken to the police command's headquarters in Owerri.

The suspect told newsmen that he killed his younger brother, Augustine Jogoji, while he was asleep because

he took the only plot of land belonging to the family.

He said "I was angry that he took the only land belonging to our family. Instead of me to be in possession of the only portion of land as the first son, he possessed it. I got angry and attacked him."

The suspect's daughter Nkiru, also told newsmen that her father and his slain younger brother were used to having minor issues but that she was surprised that the issue went out of control.

The police spokesperson for the command, CSP Mike Abattam, is yet to respond to an inquiry on the matter